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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE JUNE 2 PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT JUNE 2  
PRESS BRIEFING FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: THERE WAS A REPORT FROM PARIS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS  
OF GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, AND GERMANY HAD  
AGREED TO SEND SOME KIND OF COMMUNICATION TO IAN SMITH EX-  
PRESSING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE INCURSION INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

IS THAT ACCURATE AND, IF SO, WAS THE LETTER OR COMMUNICATION  
SENT AND, IF SO, WHAT DID IT SAY?

A: OUR VIEWS WERE MADE KNOWN TO ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED  
IN THE SITUATION.

I CAN'T SPECIFICALLY ANSWER YOU ON THAT. I MIGHT CONCEIV-  
ABLY BE ABLE TO LOOK INTO IT FOR YOU.

Q: IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER THAN YOU DID  
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YESTERDAY WHAT FORM OF SANCTIONS WERE OR ARE CONTEMPLATED  
AGAINST THE RHODESIANS THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL?

A: WE CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO  
PERSUADE THE RHODESIANS OF THE DANGER INVOLVED BY THEIR  
ACTIONS, A DANGER POSED NOT ONLY TO THE NEGOTIATING PRO-  
CESS NOW UNDER WAY, BUT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF

SOUTHERN AFRICA. RAISING THE ISSUE AT THE U.&. WAS ONE OF THOSE OPTIONS.

Q: CAN YOU SAY IN WHAT FORM? WAS IT A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THEM?

A: NO, I AM NOT INFORMED ABOUT THAT. I CAN ADD THAT WE HAVE NO PRESENT PLANS TO PRESS FOR ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THAT QUESTION.

Q: THAT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE COMING BACK FROM MOZAMBIQUE.

A: WE HAVE READ, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS PRETTY WELL CONFIRMED, THAT THE RHODESIANS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE WITHDRAWING.

Q: WHAT ROLE DID SOUTH AFRICA HAVE IN DISSUADING THE RHODESIANS FROM STAYING IN MOZAMBIQUE?

A: I CAN ONLY SAY THAT WE MADE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. I CANNOT REALLY GO BEYOND THAT AS FAR AS AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION GOES.

Q: IS IT KNOWN, AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHETHER THESE VIEWS WERE WHAT CAUSED THE RHODESIAN FORCES TO WITHDRAW, OR IS IT THE CASE THAT THEY HAD INTENDED TO WITHDRAW AT THIS POINT ANYHOW?

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A: THE ANSWER TO THE LATTER PART OF THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO GET FROM THE RHODESIANS THEMSELVES.

AS YOU KNOW, WE STRONGLY EXPRESSED OUR DISAPPROVAL OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING. I AM OBVIOUSLY NOT ABLE TO MAKE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THAT AND WHAT NOW SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING. BUT AS TO WHAT THEY HAD INTENDED TO DO, I AM NOT PRIVY TO WHAT THEY HAD INTENDED TO DO IN ANY CASE.

Q: I AM TOLD THAT CONGRESSMAN DELLUMS HAS SAID TODAY THAT IN CUBA HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE CUBANS PLANNED TO SEND MORE THAN 300 DOCTORS AND MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO ETHIOPIA. AND HE SAID IT WAS NOT HIS EXPECTATION THAT THEY WOULD BE SENDING MILITARY TECHNICIANS, BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WAS NOT RULED OUT.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING SAYABLE ABOUT THE U.S. VIEW OF CURRENT CUBAN ACTIONS?

A: NO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC. I SAW THAT STORY, OF COURSE. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE SAID A COUPLE OF TIMES, IF NOT MORE, THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS OR TECHNICIANS IN ETHIOPIA.

Q: IS IT STILL 50 MILITARY?

A: THAT IS THE LAST FIGURE WE WERE WORKING WITH.

Q: YOU ALSO SAID THAT AN INCREASE WOULD FILL YOU WITH EVEN MORE CONCERN. ARE YOU NOW RELIEVED THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE DOCTORS INSTEAD OF MILITARY?

A: NO, I THINK IF THERE WERE AN INCREASE OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY ADVISERS, WE WOULD BE AT THE SAME LEVEL OF CONCERN AS WE EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY. VANCE

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